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1. FOREIGN MINISTER FORLANI TOOK ADVANTAGE OF AN APPEARANCE
BEFORE THE SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE OCT. 26 (ON THE MFA BUDGET) TO
REAFFIRM THE PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE THAT ITALY ATTACHES
TO ITS PARTICIPATION IN NATO AND THE
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY IN THE LIGHT OF THE SIX-PARTY DOCUMENT ON
FOREIGN POLICY APPROVED BY THE SENATE LAST WEEK. ALTHOUGH FORLANI
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DID NOT COMMENT DIRECTLY ON WHETHER THE SENATE DOCUMENT CONSTITUTED
AN EXTENSION OF THE 6-PARTY PROGRAM ACCORD TO THE
PREVIOUSLY EXCLUDED AREA OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HE TOOK
PAINS TO STRESS THE ABSENCE OF ANY CHANGE IN
ITALY'S FOREIGN POLICY POSTURE. IN PARTICULAR, HE STRESSED
THE TIES THAT BOUND ITALY TO THE UNITED STATES.
HE SAID THAT THE EFFICACY OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY'S

CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD THE RESOLUTION OF WORLD PROBLEMS DEPENDED ON THE CLOSENESS OF ITS RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES.

2. INTERVIEWED IN LA STAMPA ON OCT. 25, THE HEAD OF THE CHRISTIJ DEMOCRAT (DC) PARTY'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECTION, LUIGI GRANELLI, SPECIFICALLY COUNTERED L'UNITA'S VIEW THAT THE SENATE DOCUMENT "IN A WAY COMPLEMENTS THE PROGRAM ACCORD WHICH DID NOT INCLUDE THE AREA OF FOREIGN POLICY." GRANELLI ALLOWED THAT THE SENATE DOCUMENT WAS "POSITIVE" IN CHARACTER. HOWEVER, THE LEFT-WING DC LEADER SAID THAT "IT WOULD BE STRETCHING IT HIGHLY TO IMAGINE THAT FOREIGN POLICY WOULD SURREPTITIOUSLY BE MADE PART OF THE PROGRAM ACCORD IN THIS WAY." MALAGODI, PRESIDENT OF THE SMALL LIBERAL PARTY, ALSO SPECIFICALLY REJECTED ANY RELATIONSHIP OF THE SENATE DOCUMENT TO THE 6-PARTY PROGRAM ACCORD.

3. DC SOURCES WITH WHOM WE HAVE RAISED THE IMPORT OF THE SENATE ACTION HAVE TENDED TO DOWNPLAY ITS SIGNIFICANCE AND CHARACTERIZE THE 6-PARTY DOCUMENT AS UNFORTUNATE AND REGRETTABLE. ACCORDING TO ONE ACCOUNT, BOTH THE DC AND THE PCI HAD PREPARED STATEMENTS FOR THE CONCLUSION OF THE TWO-DAY SENATE FOREIGN POLICY DEBATE. GIVEN THE INNOCUOUS CHARACTER OF THE PCI DRAFT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(PREPARED BY PCI SENATOR CALAMANDREI), IT WAS SOMEHOW DECIDED TO MERGE THE TWO DRAFTS. ALSO INTERVIEWED IN LA STAMPA, CALAMANDREI DENIES THAT IT HAD BEEN THE INTENTION OF THE SENATE SIGNATORIES (ONLY SOME 20-ODD SENATORS WERE PRESENT) TO RELATE THEIR DRAFT TO THE PROGRAM ACCORD. HEARGUED, NONETHELESS, THAT THE EFFECT OF THE SENATE DOCUMENT WAS TO RENDER DISTINCT, AT LEAST ON THE BROAD OUTLINES, THE PROGRAM CONSENSUS ON FOREIGN POLICY "THAT HAD BEEN PREFERRED TO LEAVE UNSAID AND INDISTINCT UP TO NOW."

4. COMMENT: FORLANI'S STATEMENT TO THE SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE WAS UNDOUBTEDLY INTENDED TO PROVIDE ASSURANCES THAT THE 6-PARTY SENATE DOCUMENT DID NOT REFLECT ANY DEPARTURE IN ITALIAN FOREIGN POLICY OR THE MANNER IN WHICH IT IS TO BE DEVELOPED IN THE FUTURE. THE COMMUNISTS, HOWEVER, ARE CAPITALIZING ON WHAT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN SHREWDNESS ON CALAMANDREI'S PART IN TAKING ADVANTAGE OF AN OPPORTUNITY THAT PRESENTED ITSELF IN A DESULTORY SENATE SESSION TO ADVANCE THE PCI'S CLAIMS TO LEGITIMACY IN THE AREA OF FOREIGN POLICY.

L'UNITA, AT ANY RATE, IS NOT BASHFUL IN CALLING THE
SENATE'S APPROVAL OF THE 6-PARTY DOCUMENT
"AN IMPORTANT EVENT." GARDNER

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